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Semester effective:

Philosophy (PHIL) 1531 The World's Living Religions (3 Units) CSU: UC
[formerly Philosophy 31]

Advisory: Eligibility for English 1500 or 1501 strongly recommended

Hours and Units Calculations:

48 hours lecture. 96 Outside of class hours. (144 Total Student Learning Hours) 3 Units

Catalog Description: This is a presentation of the distinctive features of Judaism, Islam, Christianity, Confucianism, Taoism, Hinduism, Buddhism, the Americas and Africa. The purpose of the course is to provide an understanding of the world's great religions, and an appreciation of the contributions of religions to our cultural heritage.

Text: Bowker, John. World Religions: The Great Faiths Explored and Explained, 1st edition, ed, DK (ISBN: 978-0744034752)

Type of Class/Course: Degree Credit

Additional Instructional Materials: None

Course Objectives:

By the end of the course, a successful student will be able to:

1. identify the basic beliefs and major concepts of the world's leading religions,
2. analyze the time setting and development of the religions, and
3. evaluate the importance of and major contributions of religion to our age.

Course Scope and Content:

- Unit I Religions Arising in the Near East
- A. Ancient Mesopotamia practices
 - B. Judaism
 - C. Christianity
 - D. Islam

- Unit II Religions Arising in India
- A. Hinduism
 - B. Buddhism
 - C. Sikhism

Unit III Religions arising in China and Japan

- A. Confucianism
- B. Taoism
- C. Shintoism
- D. Zen Buddhism

Unit IV Religions Arising in Africa and the Americas

- A. Ancient Egyptian
- B. Basongye
- C. Yoruba
- D. Tribal Religions of North America
- E. Hopi
- F. Aztecs
- G. Incas

Learning Activities Required Outside of Class:

The students in this class will spend a minimum of 6 hours per week outside of the regular class time doing the following:

- 1. Studying
- 2. Completing required reading
- 3. Written work

Methods of Instruction:

- 1. Assigned readings from the text
- 2. Lectures
- 3. Class discussions
- 4. Digital recordings
- 5. Speakers from the representative religious groups

Methods of Evaluations:

- 1. Substantial writing assignments, including:
 - a. term or other papers
- 2. Other examinations, including:
 - a. multiple choice
 - b. true/false items

Supplemental Data:

TOP Code:	151000: Religious Studies (Theological
SAM Priority Code:	E: Non-Occupational

Distance Education:	Online; Offline
Funding Agency:	Y: Not Applicable(funds not used)
Program Status:	1: Program Applicable
Noncredit Category:	Y: Not Applicable, Credit Course
Special Class Status:	N: Course is not a special class
Basic Skills Status:	N: Course is not a basic skills course
Prior to College Level:	Y: Not applicable
Cooperative Work Experience:	N: Is not part of a cooperative work experience education program
Eligible for Credit by Exam:	NO
Eligible for Pass/No Pass:	C: Pass/No Pass
Taft College General Education:	CSC2: CSU Area C2 IG3B: IGETC Area 3B LES: Local Ethnic Studies LHUM: Local GE Humanities
Discipline:	Religious Studies OR Philosophy